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# Cornfield is simply 'amazing'

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AMERICAN FORK — A local cornfield is attracting all sorts of residents eager to solve The Maze.

Intricate pathways cut into the field of maize lead to twists, turns and dead-ends galore, with only one route taking a participant all the way through to the finish.

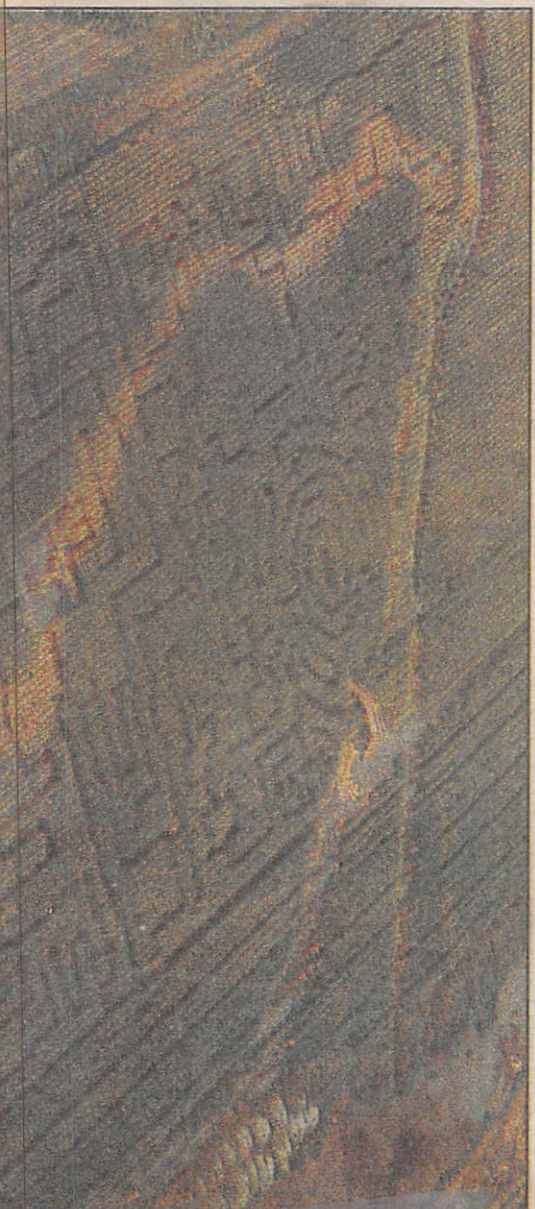
Some visitors have brought along aerial photographs of The Maze with the correct route penciled in, but they still get lost and confused when they're actually among the 7-foot tall corn, said Brett Herbst who with former college roommate Jim Martin, created the maze.

Herbst, who manages an LDS church farm and is a recent graduate of Brigham Young University's agriculture business program, said he first considered the idea of a cornfield maze after reading in a farming magazine about a similar cornfield conversion in Shippensburg, Pa. The Amazing Maize Maze attracted over 24,000 visitors in two weekends and was cited in the Guinness Book of Records as being the world's largest maze, having 172,000 square feet and 2.03 miles of paths.

Herbst remembers thinking



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awesome here in Provo ... some-  
thing different to do.”  
He said he approached Mar-  
tin, a computer science student  
at the University of Utah, and by  
June the two entrepreneurs had  
leased the 3-acre field from a  
local farmer and were planting  
the corn. Slowly, “the maize  
began to grow,” Herbst  
explained.

They waited until June to  
plant, he said, because the longer  
days provide for taller corn.  
More seeds were planted than is

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